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NARR/REF A IS CURRENT COMUSMARCENT GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCTING POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT. REF B IS CJCS MEMO SUBJ: UPDATED PROCEDURES FOR DEPLOYMENT HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND READINESS. SPECIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH SURVEILLANCE. REF C IS ASDHA MEMO UPDATING POLICY FOR PRE AND POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND BLOOD SAMPLES. REF D IS ASDHA MEMO ON IMPLEMENTATION OF POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE. REF E IS USDPR MEMO ON ENHANCED POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS. REF F IS CMC GUIDANCE ON POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT. REF G IS BUMED GUIDANCE ON REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR HUMAN-IMMUNE DEFICIENCY VIRUS TESTING.//

GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS IS A COORDINATED COMUSMARCENT HS/G3 AND COMMARFORPAC HS/G4 MESSAGE. THIS UPDATED GUIDANCE SUPERCEDES REF A. 2. BACKGROUND: REFS B THROUGH F DETAIL THE CJCS MANDATED POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PDHA) REQUIREMENTS--MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF 1998 PUBLIC LAW 105-85, ESTABLISHING A REQUIREMENT TO RECORD CHANGES IN THE MEDICAL CONDITION OF OUR DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS. POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH SURVEILLANCE IS AN IMPORTANT FORCE
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HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURE TO IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE CARE FOR OCCUPATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES AND HEALTH CONDITIONS OCCURRING DURING DEPLOYMENT. UNIT COMMANDERS CAN EXPECT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION (DOD, JCS, HQMC) FOCUSED ON CORRECTLY EXECUTED POST-DEPLOYMENT SURVEILLANCE. REFS D THROUGH F DETAIL RECENT CHANGES TO QUOTE ENHANCE UNQUOTE AND EXPAND PDHA REQUIREMENTS.

3. COMMANDER'S INTENT: UNCHANGED FROM REF A. DEPLOYED UNIT COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE EACH MARINE AND SAILOR, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, COMPLETES POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PDHA) BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM THE CENTCOM AOR. COMMANDERS IN THE SUSTAINING BASE WILL ENSURE COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT CANNOT BE MET IN THEATER (E.G., HUMANITARIAN REASONS, MEDICAL EVACUATION, INDIVIDUAL ROTATION, ETC). THE PDHA REQUIREMENTS APPLY EQUALLY TO MARINES AND SAILORS ASSIGNED TO OTHER CDRUSCENTCOM COMPONENTS AND CJTF5.

4. EXECUTION.

4.A. ALL PDHAS (REGARDLESS OF DATE) MUST INCLUDE:

4.A.1. HEALTH THREAT DEBRIEFING (IN THEATER).

4.A.2. UPON REDEPLOYMENT ISSUANCE OF MALARIA PROPHYLAXIS INCLUDING
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TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS, IF THE MEMBER HAS BEEN IN A MALARIA ENDEMIC AREA, INCLUDING PRIMAQUINE TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS (IN THEATER).

4.A.3. REVIEW AND REFERRAL FOR HEALTH CARE NEEDS THAT CANNOT BE MET IN THEATER (IN THEATER).

4.A.4. BLOOD SERUM DRAW FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SERUM BANK. THIS IS MOST EASILY PERFORMED AS A FORCE HIV TEST (THE SERUM SAMPLE IS AUTOMATICALLY SUBMITTED FOR BANKING) (AT HOME STATION).

4.A.5. PLACEMENT AND READING OF A PURIFIED PROTEIN DERIVATIVE (PPD) TUBERCULOSIS TEST 3 TO 12 MONTHS UPON RETURN TO HOME STATION, BECAUSE OF A HIGH INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THEATER. (AT HOME STATION).

4.A.6. CONFIRMATION THAT PDHA HAS BEEN COMPLETED (HOME STATION). IF UNSURE/UNABLE TO DETERMINE, PROVIDE THREAT DEBRIEFING AND COMPLETE FORM DD-2796 AT HOME STATION.

4.B. ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED PRIOR TO 22 MAY 03 (MAY OPTIONALLY USE REQUIREMENTS IN PARA 4C):

4.B.1. MEMBER WILL COMPLETE THE POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORM DD-2796 (1 PAGE FRONT/BACK; 1998 VER 1.3)

4.B.2. SUPPORT STAFF, SUCH AS CORPSMEN, WILL IMMEDIATELY REVIEW THE FORMS AND REFER MEMBERS EXPRESSING ANY HEALTH OR EXPOSURE CONCERN TO
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TRAINED CLINICIANS (PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN). THIS REFERRAL INCLUDES ANY QUOTE YES UNQUOTE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS.

4.C. ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED 22 MAY 03 AND AFTER:

4.C.1. MEMBER WILL COMPLETE THE POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORM DD-2796 (2 PAGE FRONT/BACK; APR 2003).

4.C.2. WHEN COMPLETED, THE DD-2796 MUST BE REVIEWED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (PHYSICIAN, NURSE PRACTITIONER, PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, OR INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMEN) DURING A FACE-TO-FACE SESSION WITH THE SERVICE MEMBER. DURING THIS REVIEW, THE PROVIDER WILL REVIEW POTENTIAL/CONFIRMED EXPOSURES, MENTAL STATUS AND PSYCHO-SOCIAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH DEPLOYMENT, TROPICAL OR EXOTIC DISEASE THREAT, ORGANIZATIONALLY ISSUED MEDICATIONS (ANTI-MALARIALS, PYRIDOSTIGMINE BROMIDE, DEET, PERMETHRIN, ETC.), PATIENT CONCERNS, AND REQUIRED HEALTHCARE UPON RETURN TO HOME STATION.

4.D. PDHA FORM DD-2796 HANDLING.

4.D.1. ORIGINAL OF PDHA FORM DD-2796 MUST BE FILED IN THE MEMBER'S HEALTH RECORD. A COPY MUST BE MAILED TO:

ARMY MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY (AMSA)
BUILDING T-20, ROOM 213

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(ATTN: DEPLOYMENT SURVEILLANCE)
6800 GEORGIA AVE, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20307-5001

PHONE: DSN (312) 662-0471.

4.D.2. UNITS WILL KEEP A BY-NAME ROSTER OF SURVEY'S MAILED TO AMSA AND DATE MAILED. MAILED SURVEYS WILL BE SENT RETURNED RECEIPT REQUESTED. ROSTERS AND RETURNED RECEIPTS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR TWO YEARS FOR INSPECTION PURPOSES.

4.D.3. INDIVIDUALS AND UNITS SUPPORTED BY OTHER SERVICES OR COMPONENTS MAY USE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND REVIEW. A PRINTED COPY MUST BE PLACED IN THE MEMBER'S MEDICAL RECORD. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION WAIVES NEED FOR MANUAL MAILING OF FORMS.

4.D.4. IF, FOR ANY REASON, THE ORIGINAL CANNOT BE PLACED IN THE MEMBER'S MEDICAL RECORD OR SKELETON RECORD (RECORD EMBARKED, AT HOME STATION, ETC) THE ORIGINAL COPY WILL BE ENTRUSTED TO THE REDEPLOYING MARINE OR SENIOR MARINE OF THE REDEPLOYING DETACHMENT. THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO TRANSFER CUSTODY TO THE HEALTH SERVICE UNIT AT THE HOME STATION.

4.E. INDIVIDUALS MARINES ASSIGNED TO OTHER COMPONENT COMMANDS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT AT THE ATTACHED
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COMMAND. AT A MINIMUM, COMPLETE FORM DD-2796 AND CARRY ANY DOCUMENTS BACK TO THEIR FIRST REDEPLOYMENT LOCATION (CAMPLEJ, CAMPEN, TAMPA) PARENT COMMAND, WHERE THEY WILL COMPLETE THE PROCESS PER THIS MSG.

4.F. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM. REFS E AND F REQUIRE QUALITY ASSURANCE TO ENSURE PROPER EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAM. EACH COMMAND MUST IMPLEMENT INTERNAL MEASURES TO ENSURE ALL REDEPLOYING INDIVIDUALS COMPLETE REQUIRED PARTS OF PDHA. THIS REQUIREMENT IS PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON COMPLETENESS OF EXECUTION AND INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS AS:

4.F.1. DID ALL THOSE COVERED BY THE POLICY GET SCREENED?

4.F.3. DID AMSA RECEIVE COPIES OF COMPLETED DD-2796 FORMS?

4.F.4. WAS A BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTED AND SENT?

4.F.5. WERE RECOMMENDED REFERRALS/CONSULTATIONS COMPLETED?

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4.F.6. AT A MINIMUM TO BE PREPARED TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING DATA:

4.F.6.A. THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL REQUIRING SCREENING

4.F.6.B. THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL SCREENED (IN THIS CONTEXT, SCREENED MEANS COMPLETION OF A DD-2796 FORM, INCLUSIVE OF A PROVIDER'S SIGNATURE).

5. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE:

5.A. DUE TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HIV DRAW IN REF G, ONLY FORCES AT NSA BAHRAIN CAN MEET THE HIV DRAW REQUIREMENTS. SUSTAINING BASE ACTIVITIES MUST EXECUTE THE BLOOD DRAW AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT.

5.B. THE POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT ALL LEVELS OF CARE AND THOUGHTFULLY APPLIED FOR ALL EPISODES OF CARE IN DEPLOYED AND NON-DEPLOYED SETTINGS. THESE GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTP:WWW.PDHEALTH.MIL](http://www.pdhealth.mil).

5.C. DIRECT SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES IN THE POST-DEPLOYMENT SETTING:

5.C.1. IF PRESCRIBED MALARIA PREVENTION MEDICATION WARN REDEPLOYING SERVICE MEMBERS THAT ANY FEVER OCCURRING FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS AFTER DEPARTURE FROM A MALARIOUS AREA MAY BE CAUSED BY MALARIA, EVEN IF METICULOUS ATTENTION WAS PAID TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND
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MALARIA CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS. THEREFORE, MEMBERS SHOULD ADVISE MEDICAL

PROVIDERS OF TRAVEL/DEPLOYMENT HISTORY.

5.C.2. MEDICAL PROVIDERS SHOULD ACTIVELY DETERMINE TRAVEL HISTORY IN THE EVALUATION OF FEBRILE DEPLOYERS.

5.D. ONCE MEMBER HAS RESTARTED ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS THEY WILL CONTINUE THE SERIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR PERSONAL LOCATION. UNITS AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT DOSES PER LABEL REQUIREMENTS, UNLESS MEDICALLY CONTRAINDICATED. MAKE-UP MISSED DOSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NEVER EARLIER THAN INTERVAL ON VACCINE PACKAGE INSERT. STRONGLY URGE BRINGING MEMBER UP-TO-DATE ON ANTHRAX PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM CENTCOM AOR.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

6.A. ELECTRONIC

6.A.1. ARMY MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY AT [HTTP:AMSA.ARMY.MIL](http://amsa.army.mil) OR [AMSA@AMSA.ARMY.MIL](mailto:amsa@amsa.army.mil)

6.A.2. POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH AT [HTTP:WWW.PDHEALTH.MIL](http://www.pdhealth.mil) OR (312) 662-6563

6.A.3. DEPLOYMENT HEALTH SUPPORT DIRECTORATE AT [HTTP:DEPLOYMENTLINK.OSD.MIL/INDEX.SHTML](http://deploymentlink.osd.mil/index.shtml)
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6.A.4. NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CENTER AT [HTTP:WWW-NEHC.MED.NAVY.MIL/HP/POPHEALTH/POST_DEPLOYMENT.HTM](http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/pophealth/post_deployement.htm)

6.B. POINTS OF CONTACT

6.B.1. MARCENT FORCE HLTH PROTECTION OFFICER: LCDR SPENCER AT [SPENCERAP@MARCENT.USMC.SMIL.MIL](mailto:SPENCERAP@marcent.usmc.smil.mil) DSN 318-360-0205

6.B.2. I MEF PREV MED OFF: CAPT HAYASHI AT [G4PREVMEDOFF@IMEFDM.USMC.SMIL.MIL](mailto:G4PREVMEDOFF@imefmd.usmc.smil.mil) OR [PREVMEDOFF@IMEFDM.USMC.SMIL.MIL](mailto:PREVMEDOFF@imefmd.usmc.smil.mil) DSN 318-340-1401

6.B.3. MARINE LOGISTICS COMMAND PREV MED OFF: CDR JAN AT [JANMH@MLCDM.USMC.SMIL.MIL](mailto:JANMH@mlcdm.usmc.smil.mil) TAC 3244-730

6.B.4. CJTF HOA ENV HLTH OFF: LT SMITH AT [SMITHDE@CJTFFHOA.CENTCOM.SMIL.MIL](mailto:SMITHDE@cjtfhoa.centcom.smil.mil) DSN 312-646-7324 EXT 7860

6.B.5. MARFORLANT FORCE HLTH PROTECTION OFFICER: LCDR SURAJ AT [SURAJR@MARFORLANT.USMC.MIL](mailto:SURAJR@marforlant.usmc.mil) DSN 312-836-1687

6.B.6. I MEF CAMP PENDLETON PREV MED OFF: LCDR HOWE AT [HOWEJS@I-MEF.USMC.MIL](mailto:HOWEJS@i-mef.usmc.mil) DSN 312-365-9152

6.B.7. II MEF PREV MED OFF: CDR HENDRICK AT [HENDRICKBB@IIMEF.USMC.MIL](mailto:HENDRICKBB@iiimef.usmc.mil) DSN 312-751-8948

6.B.8. III MEF PREV MED OFF: LCDR HANLEY AT [HANLEYKA@IIIMEF.USMC.MIL](mailto:HANLEYKA@iiimef.usmc.mil) DSN 315-622-7574

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6.B.9. YOUR COMMAND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE REPRESENTATIVE.

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